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ST. NEOTS
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



THE
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
Medical Officer of Health



AND
Surveyor & Chief Public Health
Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1960

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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1960

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the district for the year 1960.

Once again I have to state no major change in the general health of the population since my last report.

The size of the population continues to rise each year, an increase of 140 being recorded this year, as compared with an increase of 60 in 1959.

There were slightly fewer births this year, resulting in a somewhat lower Birth Rate, which is now a little below the National Average.

Although the Death Rate this year is higher than it was in 1959, it still remains below the figure for the Country as a whole

This year's number of Still Births is almost twice as many as were recorded in 1959, and this automatically results in a correspondingly high Still Birth Rate for the district.

The Infant Mortality of the district continues, as in the past few years, to remain at a very low level, there being only 1 infant death recorded during the year.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases ran at a very low level this year as compared with 1959, there being no outbreaks at all within the district. A pleasing factor to note in this sphere is that once again no case of either poliomyelitis or diphtheria occurred, and this, I am sure, is principally due to the preventive measures employed both by the General Practitioners and the County Health services.

Some alterations to the water mains between Southoe and Buckden were necessitated by the construction of part of the A.1 dual carriageway. Improvements to the distribution system in the Tilbrook, Newtown, Kimbolton, and Stonely areas was completed, and work on the Water Storage Tower at Three Shire Hill was well in hand by the end of the year.

Progress on the Sewerage Scheme Contract for the Kimbolton and Great Staughton area has been maintained during the year and the sewage disposal works and Stonely Pumping Station were practically completed. Enlargement of the St. Neots Urban Council Sewage Disposal Works, to cater for sewage from Little Paxton and Southoe, is well under way, and the laying of sewers in these villages is now being planned

The first five-year phase of the Slum Clearance programme has been completed and the problem in the district is now virtually solved. Isolated individual dwellings are being dealt with as occasion demands.

In conclusion, I should like to thank members of the Council for their consideration and kindness, and also all their officers for their continued help and co-operation.

Your obedient servant,

J. CALDWELL.

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.

J. CALDWELL, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P. & S., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector, Surveyor and Water Engineer :

M. FAWCETT, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

(Telephone St. Neots 402/3 and Buckden 282).

Additional Public Health Inspector and Assistant Surveyor :

D. F. SWEETING, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H. (Telephone : Kimbolton 303).

Resigned 31st May, 1960.

Additional Public Health Inspector and Assistant Surveyor :

W. MURRAY, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H. (Telephone : St. Neots 8005).

Appointed 1st July, 1960.

Water Superintendent :

W. A. COLES (Telephone: Eaton Socon 314).

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area : 52,559 acres (approximately 81 square miles).

Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1960 : 2,457.

Rateable Value of the District. £62,500.

Value of a Penny Rate : £247.

Estimated population (Mid 1959) : 7,510.

Estimated population (Mid 1960) : 7,650.

COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC HEALTH

Housing and Public Health Committee :

Chairman : Councillor Mrs. A. M. Gibbins.

Water and Sewage Committee :

Chairman : Councillor G. T. Ramply.

Finance and Rating Committee :

Chairman : Councillor H. Higgins.

Chairman of the Council :

Councillor E. Bowles, J.P.

Clerk to the Council :

D. J. Dear.

VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS

	M.	F.	Total	
Legitimate ..	65	42	107	Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population .. 14.2
Illegitimate ..	1	1	2	Comparability Factor .. 1.13
				Corrected Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population 16.1
Total ..	66	43	109	(Ditto for England and Wales) .. 17.1

STILLBIRTHS

Legitimate ..	7	2	9	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and still) births .. 11.3
Illegitimate ..	—	—	—	(Ditto for England and Wales) .. 19.7
Total ..	7	2	9	

DEATHS

(all ages)	48	42	90	Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population .. 11.8
				Comparability Factor .. .91
				Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population 10.7
				(Ditto for England and Wales) .. 11.5

The following table indicates the trends in the Birth Rate and Death Rate for the district over the past five years and compares them with those for the County of Huntingdon and for England and Wales.

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
St. Neots R.D.C.	20.3	15.8	18.9	17.9	16.1	8.4	8.8	9.2	8.2	10.7
County of Huntingdon	18.5	20.3	19.8	19.6	19.7	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.1	10.6
England & Wales	15.7	16.1	16.4	16.5	17.1	11.7	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.5

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	.. 1	—	1
Illegitimate	.. —	—	—
Total	.. 1	—	1

DEATH RATES OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

All infants per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	..	..	9.2
(Ditto for England and Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	21.7

ST. NEOTS RURAL DISTRICT CAUSES OF DEATH

(Registrar General's List)

List No.	Causes	Male	Female
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	.. —	—
2	Tuberculosis, other	.. —	—
3	Syphilitic disease	.. —	1
4	Diphtheria	.. —	—
5	Whooping cough	.. —	—
6	Meningococcal infections	.. —	—
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	.. —	—
8	Measles	.. —	—
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	.. —	—
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	.. 2	—
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	.. 4	—
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	.. —	2
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	.. —	—
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	.. 5	5
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	.. 1	—
16	Diabetes	.. 1	—
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	.. 6	9
18	Coronary disease, angina	.. 6	5
19	Hypertension with heart disease	.. 2	—
20	Other heart disease	.. 4	5
21	Other circulatory diseases	.. 5	2
22	Influenza	.. 1	3
23	Pneumonia	.. 1	2
24	Bronchitis	.. —	1
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	.. —	—
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	.. 1	—
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	.. —	—
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	.. —	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	.. 2	—
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	.. —	—
31	Congenital malformations	.. —	—
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	.. 4	5
33	Motor vehicle accidents	.. 3	—
34	All other accidents	.. —	—
35	Suicide	.. —	1
36	Homicide and operations of war	.. —	—
Total all causes		.. 48	42

**ST. NEOTS RURAL DISTRICT
TUBERCULOSIS.**

Total Number on Register at 31st December, 1960 : 51

Pulmonary 42				Non-Pulmonary 9					
		New Cases		Diagnosed	New Cases—Transfers				
		Respiratory.		Non-Res.	Respiratory.		Non-Res		
Age	Periods	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F
0									
1									
5									
10									
15									
20									
25									
35						2	—	—	—
45									
55									
65 & Upwards									
Totals ..		—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

**ST. NEOTS RURAL DISTRICT
CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

	Total cases	
	Notified.	
Scarlet Fever	..	1
Whooping Cough	..	6
Diphtheria	..	—
Measles	..	9
Acute Pneumonia	..	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	1
Typhoid Fever	..	—
Erysipelas	..	2
Acute Poliomyelitis	..	—
Infective Hepatitis	..	—
Food Poisoning	..	—
Dysentery	..	—
		23

**ST. NEOTS RURAL DISTRICT
GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA**

(a) Laboratory Facilities.

The following Laboratory facilities have been available to this authority and to General Practitioners in the area :
Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.
Tel. Cambridge 55526.

(b) Ambulance Services

Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service, operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service, have been available on doctors' orders (Tel. Huntingdon 348).

(c) Home Nursing

Nurse-Midwives employed and supervised by the Huntingdon County Council carried out Home Nursing and attended Maternity cases in the District :

- (i) A Nurse residing in Great Staughton (Tel. Kimbolton 271) attended cases in Great Staughton Kimbolton, Grafham, Perry, Tilbrook, Dillington and Hail Weston. (Retired April, 1961).
- (ii) A Nurse residing in Eltisley (Tel. Croxton 210) attended cases in Great Paxton, The Offords, Toseland, Yelling, Great Gransden, Waresley and Abbotsley.
- (iii) A Nurse residing in Brampton (Tel. Huntingdon 779) attended cases in Buckden and Diddington.
- (iv) Little Paxton and Southoe were attended by a Nurse living in St. Neots (Tel. St. Neots 215).

(d) Clinics and Treatment Centres

- (i) The following Health Services were provided by the Huntingdon County Council :—

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Minor Ailments	Schoolchildren	1st Thursday in month, 10—11.30 a.m.	The Clinic, Almond Rd., St. Neots.
		1st Friday in month 10.30—11.30 a.m.	Village Hall, Gt. Staughton.
		Every Monday, 9.30—10.30 a.m.	Old Grammar School, Huntingdon.
Infant Welfare	Children (0—5 years)	Thursday, 2—4 p.m.,	The Clinic, Almond Rd., St. Neots.
		3rd Monday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton.
		3rd Tuesday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Methodist Schoolroom, Buckden.
		1st Friday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Village Hall, Gt. Staughton.
Dental	Pre-School and School- children.	Every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. —12 noon, 1.30— 4.30 p.m.	The Clinic, Almond Rd., St. Neots.
	Pre-Natal and Nursing Mothers.	Every Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.— 12 noon, 1.30—4.30 p.m. Every Saturday 9 a.m.— 12 noon.	10a Princes' Street, Hunt- ingdon.

- (ii) The following Health Services are provided by the Regional Hospital Board :

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Chest	All ages.	Every Thursday, 10 a.m.—12 noon.	County Hospital, Huntingdon.

Venereal Diseases	All cases	Tuesday 3—6.30 p.m. Thursday 4—6.30 p.m.	Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.
	Males	Mondays 4.30—6.30 p.m. Tuesday 5.30—7 p.m.	Out-patients Department,
	Females & Children	Tuesday 10.30—12.30 p.m. Thursday 4.30—6.30 p.m.	Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.
Orthopaedic	Pre-School and School- children.	Every Monday (Sister) 10 a.m.—12 noon.	The Clinic, Almond Rd., St. Neots.
		2nd & 4th Tuesday (Surgeon by appoint- ment) 10 a.m. — 12 noon.	Old Grammar School, Huntingdon.

(iii) The following service is provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service :

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Ophthalmic	Pre-School and School- children.	1st and 3rd Fridays in month (by appoint- ment except in emergency). 10 a.m.— 12 noon, 2-3 p.m.	Old Grammar School, Huntingdon.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-Patient Clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

(e) Hospital Services

Fever—Cases of infectious disease requiring hospital treatment are admitted to Isolation Hospitals at Cambridge, Peterborough and Ely.

General Hospital Services are provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon, and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases are admitted to Primrose Lane Maternity Hospital, Huntingdon, and Mill Road Hospital, Cambridge.

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WATER SUPPLY

The alterations to the water mains necessitated by the Dual Carriageway between Southoe and Buckden were completed during the year. Further alterations in connection with Buckden By-Pass and Southoe to Hail Weston Bridge Road improvements were agreed with the County Surveyor's Department and the works will be carried out in 1961. A similar scheme for improving the S bends in the road at Tilbrook which necessitates the relaying of 140 yards of 4 ins. water main was agreed and this work will also be carried out during 1961.

The 8 ins. asbestos cement main from Three Shire Hill to Tilbrook was completed during 1960 and the new 75,000 gallon Water Tower at Three Shire Hill was about half completed at the end of 1960. The new 4 ins. loop main from Newtown, Kimbolton, to Stonely has also been completed, which will enable the higher parts of Stonely to be supplied independently of Kimbolton.

At the end of 1960 a site for the new Water Tower at Perry had been agreed and plans were being prepared by the Consulting Engineers for the erection of this Tower and the laying of the 6 ins. main from the Tower to Dillington Cross Roads. In anticipation of this scheme Great Staughton Booster Station has been fitted with by-pass valves. As the new Sewerage Scheme for Great Staughton is nearing completion the improvement of the water supply to this village will be a matter of urgency in 1961 or 1962.

The Nene and Ouse Water Board Order has now been submitted to the Minister and if approved will operate from the 1st January, 1962. The Diddington Reservoir Scheme had also been submitted to Parliament at the end of 1960.

Prosecutions were made in the Magistrate's Court concerning one illegal water connection, when all three defendants were found guilty. The two owners involved being given an absolute discharge and the Plumbing Contractors concerned were fined a total of £4.0.0 plus £3.3.0 costs. The Council were reluctant to take proceedings of this nature but felt some kind of public warning was necessary.

There were 38 burst water mains repaired during the year — 25 of these on the Kimbolton scheme, 8 on the Abbotsley and 5 on the Buckden Scheme. A further 31 communication pipes were repaired. Most of the bursts were due to exterior corrosion of iron pipes or fittings, or cracked mains due to ground movement.

2,390 properties are now supplied with mains water, leaving only 67 houses in outlying districts not enjoying this service. 30 houses were connected to the mains during the year and water was extended inside 17 houses from outside standpipes.

MAIN PIPED SUPPLIES

Source of Supply.	Parishes Supplied.	Daily Consumption.
a. South Cambs. R.D.C.	Abbotsley, Waresley, Gt. Gransden, Tetworth and Part of Eynesbury Hardwicke.	37,219 galls
b. Raunds U.D.C.	Kimbolton, Covington, Catworth Tilbrook and Stow Longa.	59,000 galls.
c. Diddington (St. Neots R.D.C.)	Buckden, Diddington Grafham, Southoe, Lt. Paxton, Hail Weston, Offords, Gt. Paxton, Toseland, Yelling and parts of Perry.	128,746 galls.
d. Staughton Moor (St. Neots R.D.C.)	Gt. Staughton and parts of Perry	15,000 galls. (estimated)
e. St. Neots U.D.C.	St. Neots Rural and Eynesbury Hardwicke.	Not known.

H.M. Borstal Institution, Gaynes Hall, has been supplied entirely from Diddington.

Godmanchester Borough have been supplied with 1,600 gallons per day and Hargrave Parish has been supplied with 5,620 gallons per day.

The daily amount of water supplied decreased by 1 gallon per head per day for all purposes, making a total of 32 gallons per head per day; unmetered supply accounting for 20½ gallons per head per day, which is the same figure as last year.

ANNUAL RAINFALL at Great Gransden Hall, 30.80 inches. Equal to 140% of normal rainfall, and rain fell on 174 days. It is interesting to note that 22 inches of rain occurred in the last six months of the year. I am indebted to E. W. R. Bolden, Esq., for this information.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF RAW WATER.

11 satisfactory and 4 unsatisfactory samples were obtained from the Diddington well supply. Staughton Moor supply receives no treatment.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS ON TREATED WATER.

Satisfactory samples were obtained during the year as follows:— South Cambs. R.D.C. 13 samples, Raunds U.D.C. 15 samples, Diddington 15 samples, Great Staughton 13 samples.

In addition unsatisfactory or doubtful samples were obtained as follows:— Great Staughton 2 samples, Kimbolton 1, Buckden 2, Abbotsley 1. Repeat samples were immediately obtained and the bad samples could be accounted for either by unsterile sample bottles or burst water mains. All repeat samples were entirely satisfactory.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

No samples were taken during the year.

PRIVATE WELLS.

Wells cleansed and repaired, nil. Wells closed as polluted, nil. Private samples taken; 2 satisfactory and 2 unsatisfactory samples were obtained. The unsatisfactory samples were from private wells which are used as a standby supply only. Main water being laid on the premises.

SWIMMING POOLS.

There is no change and there are still 5 private swimming pools in the area, which are maintained in a satisfactory manner.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

At the end of 1960 almost all the sewers in Kimbolton and Great Staughton villages had been constructed. In addition the Sewage Disposal Works and Stonely Pumping Station were almost completed. Work was proceeding on the erection of the Pumping Stations in Great Staughton. Unfortunately the works were not in operation as the Contractors were mainly engaged in sewer laying in Great Staughton in 1960. A few drain connections were laid in Kimbolton but not brought into use as all the lines of sewer in Kimbolton has not received their final inspection and test. It is hoped, however, to complete all the house drain connections in Kimbolton and Great Staughton in the first half of 1961, and to have the scheme operating in full for both villages.

The enlargement of St. Neots U.D.C. Sewage Disposal Works proceeded during 1960 and at the end of the year my Council decided to advertise tenders for the sewer laying in Little Paxton and Southoe to take advantage of these works. It is hoped to commence sewer laying in Little Paxton in 1961.

60 yards of new sewer were laid in Station Road, Catworth, to replace a length of defective sewer.

11 piped sewers received attention during the year, along with the cleansing of 1 open ditch. Sewage works on the Council's housing sites are regularly dealt with by the Council's cesspool emptier, as one day per week is set aside for this work. 10 repairs were carried out to sewage works. 55 private cesspools and 112 Council cesspools or sewerage tanks were cleansed during the year.

Sewerage and sewerage disposal arrangements will be adequate as far as Buckden, Kimbolton and Great Staughton are concerned and during 1961 this problem will then be started upon in connection with Little Paxton and Southoe. The sewerage of Offord Darcy and Offord Cluny is urgently necessary and it is hoped that the scheme for this area will be commenced in 1962. In addition all the remaining built-up parts of the district will require sewerage as soon as possible thereafter. This will become more urgent regarding certain areas such as Grafham and Perry if the new Diddington Reservoir scheme is authorised. The Council is fully aware of the need for these services and is progressing as fast as finances will allow.

STATISTICS OF WATER SUPPLIES, W.C.'s, E.C.'s, BATHS, ETC.

1960							
Water Supply Council							
	No. of Properties	In-side	Stand-pipe	P.W.	W.C.s	E.C.s	Baths
Abbotsley	95	94	—	1	53	42	54
Buckden	363	348	7	8	322	41	260
Catworth	96	89	4	3	46	50	45
Covington	31	27	1	3	21	10	21
Diddington	46	45	—	1	8	38	7
Eynesbury Hardwicke	34	34	—	—	23	11	24
Grafham	71	70	1	—	23	48	24
Gransden, Gt.	178	172	3	3	121	57	125
Hail Weston	104	100	4	—	59	45	66
Kimbolton	284	276	7	1	220	64	206
Offord Cluny	109	98	5	6	67	42	70
Offord Darcy	105	98	4	3	60	45	63
Paxton, Gt.	127	127	—	—	86	41	90
Paxton, Lt.	117	114	—	3	100	17	104
St. Neots Rural	20	20	—	—	17	3	15
Southoe Midloe	83	72	7	4	31	52	41
Staughton, Gt.	275	244	22	9	160	115	180
Stow Longa	30	20	—	—	13	17	16
Tetworth	31	21	—	10	20	11	20
Tilbrook	76	73	2	1	56	20	57
Toseland	42	36	5	1	7	35	9
Waresley	62	55	—	7	37	25	41
Yelling	78	75	—	3	33	45	41
Totals for 1960	2457	2318	72	67	1583	874	1579
			2457		2457		
Totals for 1959	2448	2288	89	71	1531	917	1531
Differences	+9	+30	—17	—4	+52	—43	+48

97.27% of houses have a mains water supply.

94.33% of houses have a mains water supply inside house.

64.4% of houses have a w.c.

64.4% of houses have a bath.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

There were no changes made during the year and the position is outlined in the 1958 report. At the end of 1960 a scheme for the re-allocation of the workmen's duties was brought into operation owing to a reduction in night soil collection and the future increase in duties connected with sewage disposal.

The average cost of dealing with each dustbin or pail remains at 10d.

LITTER.

I am pleased to report that litter is not a serious nuisance in this area, and no action during the year has been necessary.

PETROLEUM STORAGE LICENCES.

The existing 59 licences were renewed during the year.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Under the Public Health Act, 1936, Section 269, two new licences were issued and 30 existing licences were renewed covering a total of 74 caravans. Four improvements in conditions were made, and generally speaking, caravans are maintained in good condition.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, came into operation in the latter part of the year and by 31st December, 1960, 12 site licences had been issued under this Act and further applications were awaiting a decision by the County Planning Department. The new Act will involve some extra work for most site operators, particularly in connection with hard standings, toilet blocks, firefighting arrangements, etc.

COUNCIL HOUSE MAINTENANCE.

2,012 inspections were made and 806 orders were issued for repairs. 3 houses have been provided with hot water systems and 7 houses with approved solid fuel cooking appliances. At the end of the year a start was made on the provision of bathrooms at 20 houses in Kimbolton. In addition bathrooms and hot water were provided at 2 houses in Hail Weston, and improvements such as the provision of washbasins, sinks, etc., were carried out in houses at Abbotsley, Kimbolton, Great Staughton, Covington, Buckden and Catworth. A scheme for bathrooms, w.c.'s and hot water, was submitted to the Minister for four houses in Great Gransden.

NEW BUILDINGS.

118 plans of new buildings or alterations were deposited and 728 visits were paid to works in progress.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

15 retailers are registered with the Council. On the 1st October, 1956, this district was included in a specified area under Section 41 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. 12 licences for pasteurised, 13 for Tuberculin Tested and 9 for sterilised milks were issued. 5 inspections of premises were carried out and three bacteriological milk samples were taken, all of which were satisfactory.

FOOD INSPECTIONS, INCLUDING SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

24 inspections of food premises were made. The conditions outlined in the 1957 report are unchanged and 2 cwts. 18 lb. of food stuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption. 2 samples of ice cream were submitted for bacteriological examination and were reported as Grade I.

115 visits were paid to the slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection. The licences of 5 slaughtermen were renewed on the 1st October, 1960.

A "Slaughterhouse Report" for the area has been submitted to the Minister and approved by him and the appointed day is the first January, 1963, by this date it is hoped that a new slaughterhouse will be in operation at Kimbolton to replace the existing private slaughterhouse.

CARCASES & OFFAL INSPECTED & CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR PART

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	64	Nil	Nil	213	Nil	Nil
Number inspected	64	Nil	Nil	213	Nil	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	7	Nil	Nil	5	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	11%	Nil	Nil	2%	Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis only.						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cysticercosis.						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

NEW HOUSING.

4 new Council houses were completed during 1960 in Buckden. The Council have now built and completed 321 new houses since 1945, and they own 507 houses altogether. In addition the Council own 20 prefabricated bungalows. 20 new private enterprise houses were completed during the year and 3 further houses provided by conversions.

During 1960 work was commenced on erecting two further Council bungalows in Graveley Road, Offord Darcy.

HOUSING INSPECTIONS.

Further progress was made in dealing with unfit houses along the lines indicated in previous reports and the Council's 5 Year Slum Clearance Programme is now virtually completed.

Progress continues with improvement grant schemes both standard and discretionary. 33 approved schemes were completed during 1960, making a total of 186 schemes completed and grants paid since the date of the Acts. This includes the improvement of 8 Alms-houses at Buckden by means of a Housing Association. Other schemes were in progress at the end of the year.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS.

The Housing Waiting List is revised every 12 months and in April, 1960, 78 applications were renewed. In addition there were 13 applications for transfers to different types of Council houses. 24 out of the 78 applicants were living in lodgings, furnished rooms or caravans.

HOUSING TABLE

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..	261
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	1205
(2)		Total number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ..	6
(3)		Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..	43

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices:—

(a)	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers, excluding those dealt with by Improvement Grants	45
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit with the assistance of Improvement Grants ..	33

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

(A)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 16 and 24 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..	Nil
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
	(a) By owners ..	1
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	Nil
(B)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..	44
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
	(a) By owners ..	38
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	Nil
(C)	Proceedings under Sections 17, 26 and 28 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..	12
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..	13
	(3) Number of houses closed during the year ..	1
	(4) Number of families displaced during the year ..	9
(D)	Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—	
	(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..	Nil
	(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ..	Nil

(E) Proceedings under Part III of the Housing Act, 1957—

CLEARANCE AREAS :—

(1) Number of Clearance Areas declared during the year	..	Nil
(2) Total number of houses included in (1) above	...	Nil
(3) Number of houses included by reason of unfitness for human habitation	...	Nil
(4) Number of houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	...	Nil
(5) Number of families displaced during the year	..	Nil
(6) Number of houses demolished during the year	..	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1957—Part IV, Overcrowding :—

(a)	(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	1	
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	...	1
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	4
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the yr.	Nil	
(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the yr.	Nil	
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	..	Nil
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...	Nil
(e)	Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	—	

During the year quite a number of transfers of Council house tenancies were arranged which enabled a number of cases of overcrowding and under occupation of Council houses to be satisfactorily dealt with. Whenever a Council house is vacant the Housing Allocation Committee always pay regard to this possibility with a view to making the best possible use of existing Council house accommodation.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949
REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1960.

No. of houses inspected : 307.
No. of houses treated and cleared : 206.

Total No. of properties inspected	Total No. of major rat infesta- tions found	Total No. of minor rat infesta- tions found	No. of mice infesta- tions found	No. of in- fested pro- perties treated	No. of notices served under Section 4
598	6	45	8	461+	NIL

+ Of these 120 were business premises, 22 were agricultural premises, 113 were Council properties (excluding houses).

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including in-
spections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspec- tions (3)	Number of Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	22	13	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	37	6	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises) ..	8	—	Nil	Nil
Total ..	67	19	Nil	Nil

Arising out of the above inspections unsuitable or defective
Sanitary Conveniences were remedied at three factories.

OUTWORKERS.

Number of outworkers on August list required by Section 110
were as follows :—

Wearing Apparel, Making, etc. ..	9
Stuffed toys	3
Total ..	12

No cases of default in sending in lists were known, there were
no prosecutions and no instances of work in unwholesome premises.

ANALYSIS OF INSPECTIONS MADE :—

Smoke Observations, etc.	..	3
Housing	..	455
Council House Maintenance	..	2012
Houses, etc., Under P.H. Act, 1936	..	261
Houses, etc., Under P.H. Act, 1936, revisits	..	489
Supervision erection of new buildings	..	728
Sewers and Sewage Disposal	..	444
Post-war housing	..	59
Dairies	..	5
Drains Tested	..	138
Water Supply	..	185
Scavenging	..	61
Food Premises, Vehicles, etc.	..	25
Rats and Mice (Inspectors and Operator)	..	607
Miscellaneous	..	132
Moveable Dwellings	..	155
Factories	..	19
Housing Applications	..	16
Outworkers	..	12
Petroleum	..	10
Slaughterhouses	..	115
Ice Cream samples taken	..	2
Milk samples taken	..	3
Water samples taken (Bacteriological)	..	66
Water samples taken (Chemical)	..	Nil

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION, ETC. :—

Number of houses with pail or tub closets in area	..	874
Number of houses with W.C.'s in area	..	1583
Number of pails reconstructed as W.C.'s in 1960	..	25
Number of W.C.'s constructed in 1960 for new premises	..	27

